

# Understand It

The Holy Bible • Message 3

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Read Romans 12:2. What is the benefit of having a renewed mind? What does it mean to have a renewed mind?

Read Hebrews 5:11-14. How does obedience help understanding?

On Sunday, I said this: To understand the Bible, you need a trained brain, an obedient heart, and Holy Spirit help. Holy Spirit helps refers to the need to be a believer and to be open to God's guidance. Do you think a person has to be a believer to understand the Bible? Why or why not?

Thinking of having a trained brain, an obedient heart, and an openness to the Holy Spirit, where do you stand regarding those three things?

On Sunday, I gave some key principles for how to understand each section of the Bible which of these principles was most helpful to you?

- History / Narrative: How does God interact with people?
- Law: How do the faithful represent God?
- Poetry: How do the faithful respond to God?
- Prophecy: How (and when) does God intervene?
- Epistles / Didactic: How should we live in light of Jesus?
- Apocalyptic: How much can I trust God's fulfillment of his promises?

Which genre are you most familiar with? Which one are you reading now?

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